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AGM Site Changed

We have found it advisable to move the 2002 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to a different site. This move was considered after determining costs involved for individuals planning attendance at the Loon Mountain, New Hampshire venue.

In attempting to locate a suitable hotel/motel for member lodging and Clan activities, we found prices in the area surrounding the location of the Loon Mountain Highland Games to be exorbitant. In contacting four hotel/motel firms and three resorts, it was found the best rate available during the period of the event was a standard motel room at \$189 per night. Other accommodations (especially resorts) ran even more. Additionally, the maximum number of rooms any of these locations could commit to our use was twenty and we feel there will be a

need for at least twice that number. Consequently, a decision has been reached to move our 2002 AGM site to the Tennessee Highland Games at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Mid South Commissioner, Billy Henderson, has agreed to host the AGM at Murfreesboro and the assistance of Clan Quartermaster, Warren Henderson, the normal convenor at that event, has been obtained. The Tennessee Highland Games are normally held the first weekend of October and may be anticipated on the weekend of the 4th thru 6th in 2002. We have begun looking for accommodations and a site where we can hold a banquet and ceilidh. You may expect to see further information about the various aspects of this event in the Spring issue of An Canach.

Annual Dues Increase 1 January

As a result of a vote by those members attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Arlington, Texas last year, dues for annual memberships have increased to \$15 effective 1 January of this year.

The increase was recommended by the Clan's Executive Board at the AGM and is based upon the establishment of regional accounts with the treasurer who will deposit five dollars (\$5) of each renewal or new membership in an account specifically for regional support. Commissioners of regions will have the responsibility of submitting a budget which will be based upon their region's anticipated active membership for the year. The funds gained thru this increase will

be used to provide tent space, tables and chairs at events within the region and disbursed to the regions, as required, to provide the additional flags, banners and shields needed for convening events within the regions.

Personal expenses (i.e. event entry fees, travel, lodging and meals) will continue to be the responsibility of Commissioners and convenors. Such expenses may be deducted from annual income tax as authorized expenses for Clan support under a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service. Clan Henderson is an educational tax exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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| Basic clan dues | \$ _____ |
| \$15 US per year per family or | |
| \$27 Can per year per family | |
| Other Contributions- | |
| Region Support | \$ _____ |
| Genealogy | \$ _____ |
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| Other | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ |

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Send the completed application to your Commissioner or directly to

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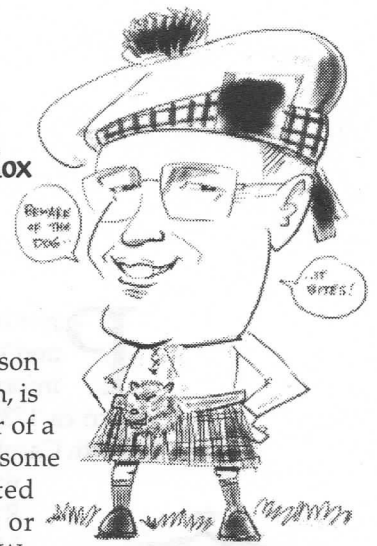
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A Sept List Or Not A Sept List?

by Rex B. Maddox



In an article I wrote for the last issue of An Canach, I referred to the list of names which are variations of the name MacEanruig or "Son of Henry" and called that a sept list. I was taken to task in this assumption because, as the writer put it, "the names referred to are variations of MacEanruig or Son of Henry while the names of families which have allegiance to a Chief or major Clan are considered septs". The writer continued, "thus they would seem to be equivalents and not septs, not subservient one to any other, but equal and more or less identical."

This writer, of course, brings up a fine point and one which may be assumed to reflect the thoughts of many Clan members, especially those whose family name may have been Henry or Hendry or Mac Kendrick or any other of the many family names which have been determined to be part of that "Son of Henry" or MacEanruig group.

By way of discussion, I have been telling prospective members for years that we are a "single name" Clan, meaning, of course, that all of the variations included in our list of families that are accepted for membership, are indeed variations of "Son of Henry."

My ancestor was a Henderson. It is my belief that this name is about as far from "Son of Henry" as one can get, if you stop to consider it in this light—"Son of Henders." Of course, one could argue that they have never heard of a "Henders" and thus the name Henderson is nothing more than a derivation of Henryson, with an intrusive "d." When checking in

an authoritative publication from the New York Public Library which is based upon the research of Doctor George Fraser Black, I found Henderson listed in exactly that way, as Henryson with an intrusive letter "d". However, I also located, under "Henry", the following: A name common in Districts of Ayr and Fife, often having an intrusive "d" and becoming Hendry or Hendrie. Further along, in the same paragraph, I find: Hendyre Hendry, a burgess of Stirling in 1562. Could this be the "Hender" of our Henderson? There are certainly many variations on this theme and I would submit almost anything is possible!

Our Clan consists of many family names which may be considered part of that single name (Henry) theory, but where do we come up with the name of the Clan? Our "variations on a name" list certainly contains the name Henderson, but it also contains the name Henryson. Does this mean someone screwed up and we should really be Clan Henryson? We have been happy to accept the leadership of the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson and for that reason, are the names which we refer to as variations of MacEanruig or "Son of Henry" not septs to the Clan Henderson or "Son of Henders?"

I have always looked upon our Clan as a "single name" Clan—by that I mean we have all descended from a Henry or Hendry. This, I believe, was the origin, but who is to say MacEanruig or "Son of Henry" is the progenitor of the Henderson who became the leader of Scots at Fordell? Our

Clan Chief is Henderson of Fordell and as such, is the designated leader of a list of names which in some way were associated with those Henry's or Hendry's of the past. We can certainly call them variations of a name—or we can call them septs of the Clan. Referring once again to Black—in the glossary it states "a sept is a subdivision of a Clan"—we presume then that a subdivision is a family.

Where then do we decide on the route we shall take? For me, I have produced a list of names presented on a background of our Clan tartan and I believe any family which has dedicated itself in allegiance to a Clan or Chief is a member of the septs of that Clan and has allegiance to its Chief. We have a Clan document which has been distributed over the years in which we refer to the names on our list as "variations and septs." Is this truly the case? Are the families of Clan Henderson both septs and variations? I would presume each of us will make up his mind as to the validity of either side of this theory and it will not affect our being members of the Clan Henderson or our allegiance to Dr. John William Philp Henderson, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson of Fordell.

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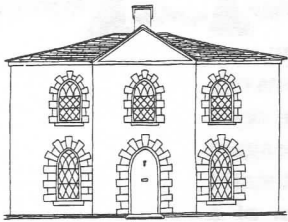


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More on the Family of James Henderson & Violet Lawson of Lincoln County, North Carolina

By William R. Bauer

Prior issues of An Canach (Vol. 8, No.'s 2 & 4 and Vol. 10, No. 4) in 1996 and 1998 contained information on James Henderson, who was born ca 1730 and died in 1795 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. The area in which this family lived



was on the South Fork of the Catawba River where the present town of McAdenville is located. This area became Gaston County when it was created in 1846 from Lincoln County. James Henderson owned and operated a grist mill on that section of the river which was known as Henderson Shoals. James and Violet Henderson had eight children, one of whom was Col. James Henderson II (1775-1814), who was killed in action in the War of 1812. James Henderson II and his family were discussed in the Autumn 1998 issue of An Canach.

Most of the children of James Henderson I, like James Henderson II, migrated to Rutherford County, Tennessee about 1803-1805.

The other seven children of James Henderson I and Violet Lawson were as follows:

- i. JOHN HENDERSON (ca 1765-1828) married Sarah McEwen, who later remarried William Vaulx. John had no issue and his estate was probated in Rutherford Co, TN. John was the administrator of the estate of his brother James Henderson II, who died in 1814 (War of 1812).
- ii. MARY HENDERSON, born ca 1769, married John Patterson. A John Patterson was living in Rutherford Co, NC in 1820, and it is assumed she died in North Carolina before December 1833. She had seven children.
- iii. MARTHA PATSEY HENDERSON, born ca 1771, married James McCoy. She died before December 1833 and left six children. It is probable she died in NC since there is a James McCoy listed in the 1820 census of NC.
- iv. LAWSON HENDERSON (1774-1843), known as Major Lawson Henderson. He never left North Carolina. He was the Sheriff of Lincoln Co, NC (1796-1801) and later Clerk of the Superior Court (1807-1837) for Lincoln Co, NC. He married Elizabeth Carruth (1783-1849) and they had fourteen children. Their fifth child was James Pickney Henderson (1808-1858) who was the first Governor of Texas (1845-1847) and later US Senator from Texas (1857-58). The house where Governor Henderson was born, Woodside (still

standing) in Lincolnton, NC, is the oldest house in Lincoln Co, NC.

- v. JAMES HENDERSON II (1775-1814) married Margaret Dickson and had eight children (see Vol. 10, No. 4 of An Canach). Margaret was granted a pension and 160 acres of bounty land for her husband's service in the War of 1812.
- vi. WILLIAM HENDERSON (ca 1776-1822) married Mary Gibson and had nine children. William died intestate in 1822 in Rutherford Co, TN and his brother Logan Henderson was appointed administrator of his estate and guardian of his children.
- vii. KATHARINE HENDERSON (1781-1824) married William Logan (1774-1823), the son of James Logan and Mary Mitchell of Rutherford Co, NC. Katharine's father left her 1200 acres in Wilson's Valley in his will (1795). This acreage was then in NC but later became part of Rutherford Co, TN and is located near the Williamson Co, TN and Rutherford Co, TN line in middle Tennessee, not far from Riggs Cross Roads on Highway 31-A. Katharine Henderson Logan, her husband, and her mother Violet Lawson Henderson (1738-1812) were buried on the family property in Rutherford Co, NC (see Logan/Henderson Cemetery information following this article). This family migrated to TN about 1803 along with the oldest child, William Mitchell Logan, then about one year old. There were a total of eight children born. William Mitchell Logan (1802-1839) followed Tennessean Sam Houston to Texas, and organized and commanded the 3rd Company, 2nd Regiment Volunteers, at the Battle of San Jacinto. Capt. Logan later became the first Sheriff of Liberty County, TX and died in the Yellow Fever epidemic in 1839 in Houston, TX. There is a monument to Capt. Logan at the Courthouse Square in Liberty, TX.
- viii. LOGAN HENDERSON (1784-1846) married Margaret Ewart Johnston (1789-1863) in 1806 in Lincoln Co, NC. He moved to Rutherford Co, TN about 1818 and died there. He had three known children and lived near Murfreesboro. The oldest daughter, Violet Cecelia Henderson (1809-1835), married William F. Lytle, Jr. (1805-1863) and after Violet's death he married her first cousin, Mary Patterson Logan (1818-1841), daughter of William Logan and Katharine

SOURCES: Will of James Henderson, Lincoln Co, NC (1795); Sketches of Western NC by Cyrus L. Hunter (1877); Will of Hugh Lawson, Rowan Co, NC (1772); Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties NC by Curtis Bynum (1929); Annals of Lincoln County, NC by William L. Sherrill (1937); the Bible of Lawson Henderson Family; Ancestral Beginnings In America of the McGregor-Magruder, Beall, Price, Phillips, Bland, McKissick, Miller, Dickson, Lawson, Henderson, Young, by Caroline Beall Price, Austin, TX (1928);

Duck River Valley In Tennessee and Its Pioneers by Lucile F. Jacobs (1968); Will of John Logan, Rutherford County, TN (1828); Logan Henderson and others vs. William Vaux and Wife (December 5, 1833), filed in Chancery Court, Franklin, TN; Rutherford County, TN probate records of William Henderson (1822); Will of William Logan, Williamson County, TN (1823); Will of Logan Henderson, Rutherford County, TN (1847); Dictionary of American Biography, Charles Scribner's Sons, NY (1960).

Logan/Henderson Cemetery Rutherford County, Tennessee

James Henderson, Sr. was buried on his property on a hill overlooking the South Fork River across from the present town of McAdenville, NC. His widow Violet migrated to Rutherford County, TN in 1803 with her daughter Katharine Logan's family and is buried in the Logan/Henderson cemetery below.

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| William Logan | Violet Henderson | Katharine Logan |
| Born Jan 28, AD 1775 | Was born AD 1738 | Born Aug 15, AD 1781 |
| Died Mar 19, AD 1823 | Died AD 1812 | |
| Aged 43 Years | Aged 49 Years | Aged 74 Years |

There appears to be four graves here. There are six large stones with only carving on them and no foot stones. One stone has a heart pierced by a sword, one has a heart out of which flowers grow and one has an open book with a hand over it. The grave of Katharine Logan is lying on its side, half buried and one grave is marked only by crude stones and appears to be a child's grave. The cemetery is located east from Riggs Cross Roads historical marker at the intersection of Highway 31-A and O.C. Floyd Road. The cemetery is on the Jackson farm near Eagleville, TN.

On this property there was an old two-story antebellum house that sat on a hill near the stone spring house. The house was burned by vandals about 1967, but the stone spring house is still there and appears to be very old.

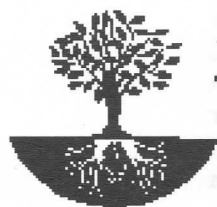
Violet Henderson (1738-1812), above, was the daughter of another Scotsman, Hugh Lawson (ca 1697-1772). Violet married James Henderson, Sr. before 20 September 1764, which was the date Hugh Lawson wrote his will and named his son-in-law James Henderson in the will. Another well-known descendant of Hugh Lawson was playwright Tennessee Williams, who was born Thomas Lanier Williams (1911-1983). A genealogy of Hugh Lawson is included in the book *The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams* by John A. Brayton (1993) of Memphis, Tennessee. Like other early Tennessee families, descendants of Lawson, Henderson and Logan families migrated first to Virginia, then to North Carolina before settling in Tennessee and other states.

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Alice Henry Resigns as North Central Commissioner

Citing a health problem within her immediate family and other personal problems, Alice Henry has resigned from her position as the leader of the North Central region. Accepting the resignation with deep regret, President Rex Maddox issued a Presidential Citation to Mrs. Henry for her sustained excellent performance while serving as the Commissioner of this region during the period March 1999 to November 2001.

Mrs. Henry has been requested to continue to serve the Clan in the position of State Convenor for Minnesota and to support the two events held there during the year. She has very graciously agreed to assume this responsibility and will now represent the Clan at the Macalester College Games in May and the Duluth "Gathering of the Clans" festival held in late July.



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Dear Cousins,

When one of our Clansmen passes on, sorrowfully we report him or her by the Old Scottish phrase, a "flower of the forest." And so we told of the tragic deaths of Robert H. (Bob) Henderson and his lovely lady Frances in the last issue of An Canach. They were killed in an automobile accident 22 September 2001, a few miles from their home in Greer, South Carolina, victims, I am told, of a DUI.

Bob will be known to many of you as that generous soul who corresponded with you and provided you with the genealogy or clue which enabled you to put together your own family tree. He ran a web page crammed with his own hard-won data on Hendersons, and allied families of the southeastern states, in constant use by you and others searching ancestors. He answered every call and query.

For Clan Henderson genealogy, Bob was, frankly, my rod and staff. Any perplexing problem, I sped off to Bob; in most cases, he had the answer. Rob "certified" most of our NC/SC/GA/AL/MS complex of families for me—or showed me where I was wrong.

Of course, Clan Henderson has been much concerned about what would happen to Bob's treasure trove of Henderson genealogy and his web site and other activities. I'm delighted to report that his daughter, Gayle Henderson Hannon tells me she will step in to keep his collection together and functioning, his web site publication sales in operation, and queries answered as best she can! Gayle lives at 2521 Motherwell Dr., Greer, SC 29651; phone: (964) 879-0932. Good bless you, Gayle!

One of Bob's ambitions was to gather and publish collections of all the Hendersons in all of the state censuses for 1850 (the first year that all family member names were included) and, when possible, for 1860 and 1870 as well. The result has been the fine series of "Hendersons of Early..." booklets, published and offered by Clan Henderson (see p. 8), twenty-two states completed to date. Bob was working on the Maryland census when he died, and I guarantee you it will be completed and published!

In fact it will be our goal to see the entire series completed and dedicated to the honor and memory of Robert H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer! Bob wrote the article on the next page to help us with the project.

We need help—"Your Clan needs you"—to accomplish this goal. There are several 1850 censuses which remain to be compiled: Nevada, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Who will volunteer to take on one or more of these states? The work is easy and pleasant. A couple of rainy or snowy days in the city library completing a worksheet from the census, and your job is done.

A heavier task is to transcribe those worksheets into Bob's format for publication. I'll get his software for this from Gayle and make it available to you. You "just fill in the blanks," then send it to me and I'll take it from there. Please, let me hear from you!

All this reminds me to remind you not to overlook this extremely useful series of Hendersons-in-the-Census booklets. If you are searching for "missing Hendersons," these booklets are a fine place to start. I use mine

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot
Clan Genealogist

constantly and to great advantage.

And while I'm at it, don't forget that we want you to send your Family Bible record, to our new and growing collection. See your An Canach, Fall 2001, page 25, for details. I know you have them, for every third genealogy I receive mentions data from your Family Bible! Photo copies of those Bible pages need to be made and placed in the Henderson archives. Judy Henderson has volunteered to take on this task. Let Judy hear from you (8500 Wendell Dr., Alexandria, VA 22308).

And a last item. The clan's genealogical database should be updated monthly—specifically with births, deaths, marriages, divorces, et al. Often, we are uncomfortable writing about the passing of a loved one and we understand, but at some time please let us know. The genealogical database and the member database need your input regularly for all the reasons you can think of. The clan secretary and I notify the editor when the event has taken place during the past year. We want to share news about the important times, but beyond a year announcements will not be made in An Canach. In recent months several cousins have written letters asking for these historical announcements. Russ, Dottie, and I ask that you make your requests in a timely manner as they occur. Russ says he will wait one issue in order to give you time to get your pictures printed before sending the announcement. Seriously, we do need to update the database, but can only publish recent events in the newsletter.

Horace

The Census Project

By Robert H. Henderson

Currently Clan Henderson Society has undertaken the ambitious project of collecting the name of every Henderson who lived in the United States in 1850.

Why?

1. Organized approach. Effective research in genealogy must be organized. The research must be thorough, and logic must be used in connecting the various individuals of our Henderson Lineage. By collecting the data from every state, we are developing a complete universe of the data to be studied [recognizing government errors]. If all Henderson researchers tied to this platform, then much wasted effort would be eliminated. The state booklets, that are developed, are indexed. This allows the researcher to look for their ancestor by name and approximate date of birth. Through the process of elimination, this provides the researcher with clues for places to look [and where not to look].

2. First Census available that gives the names and ages for every member of the family. The 1850 census is the first census that gives the name for every member of the family, their date of birth and where they were born. We can utilize this information to determine many names that are missing from the 1840 and prior censuses. Comparing the 1850 census with the 1860 and the 1870 census have gained much knowledge.

3. Help novice researchers understand that the Hendersons were a very prolific bunch. Yesterday a Henderson researcher requested information on her great great grandfather, George W. Henderson who was married to Mary. No dates, [or approximate dates] no locations-nothing. On checking our database, we find that we have many George Hendersons listed.

4. Valuable patterns appear. Henderson families that had a next door neighbor named Henderson are likely kin. If there is twenty to forty years between their ages, the relationship is

likely parent/child. Fewer years may indicate sibling relationship. Look at the Place of Birth. If the parents and most of the kids were born in South Carolina, but the last two were born in Alabama, then this would indicate the approximate time the family moved to Alabama. Some of these families have as many as four different states listed as place of birth. This would show the probable migration.

All surnames are listed with the Hendersons within a single household. Often this indicates the wife's maiden name. It may indicate prior marriages, or other clues of valuable research.

Normally many of the other Hendersons within the same county are related.

5. Enhancements are added to the basic data.

Identification Numbers. Our President and Genealogist, Dr. Horace Loftin has reviewed every name before we publish these booklets. He places ID numbers beside every person that has already been identified in his computer records. A second number beside each person identifies names that are included in my records. A third number called a group number identifies the major lineage group that each person or family belongs to.

Fill in missing information. Often the census taker used initials instead of names. Where Dr. Loftin and I have this information, we place it in brackets ().

Approximate date of birth is calculated for every individual. The census listed everyone by age. The computer program automatically subtracts this from the census year [1850] to develop the approximate date of birth. In cases where Dr. Loftin or I have the date of birth from another source, we place this "alternate" DOB beside the calculated DOB.

Comments Column. Often additional information such as marriage date or other information is placed in the comment column.

What does the project involve?

In 1850 there were thirty-six states, territories and political subdivisions. Most of these states and territories had thirty to fifty counties each. So our task involved reviewing and picking out all the Hendersons, and then these had to be transcribed from 1200 to 1500 counties of microfilm into a uniform format worksheet.

The first step is to develop a computer index of the census [that differs from the published index]. This index is sorted by county and by page of the census. Thus enabling a researcher to sequentially pick up all the Hendersons as the census taker listed the information.

Once the data is extracted from the microfilm, it is typed into Lotus 1-2-3 or Excel to form the working data. So far, many of the Henderson Clan members have helped to collect this data.

How's it going?

To date, we have completed about half, or possibly a little over half, of this massive project. This has involved thousands of hours. Almost 10,000 individual Hendersons have been listed.

How did all this get started?

Initially I surveyed all the Hendersons in Laurens County, South Carolina for 1850. Then I looked at the adjoining counties. Then I moved into North Carolina etc. After forty-two years of researching, it is out of hand.

What's Next?

As we can, we will complete the project. A copy of these booklets may be found in the Odum Library at Moultrie, Georgia, in many other libraries, or purchased from the clan.

Ed Note: Cousin Bob had written this article to explain how the census project would help clan members. Because Bob's daughter, Gayle, will be continuing the project, Horace asked me to publish it.



Flowers of the Forest

Lyall J. Feather, of Jacksonville, Florida, died 7 March 2001. He is survived by his wife Linda.

We were notified by daughter, Faye Lee Irey, that **James M. Henderson** died 18 June 2001.

Maxine Beers Leishman, of Arvada, Colorado, died 23 September 2001. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Leishman, sons Robert LeRoy and David Charles, daughter Katherine, and two grandsons. She was a descendant in the Fordell line of Augusta County, Virginia.

Colonel Lindsey P. Henderson died in 12 September 2001 in

Columbia, North Carolina. He had spent many seasons in Glencoe researching his Glencoe ancestors. He is survived by his wife, Eve; two sons, Lindsey P. Henderson III and Charles W. Henderson; and two daughters, Susannah H. Fawcett and Eve Elizabeth Henderson; and a brother Robert T. Henderson Sr.

Harold M. Heisler died 11 January 2001 leaving behind Margaret, his wife of fifty-nine years, his daughter Claudia H. Williams, grandsons Todd and Scott, his sister Helen Arlene Rote [who died six months later] and her son David M. Rote, all of whom have been clan members.

William Henry Walker died 9 April 2000. He was the son of Margaret and John W. Walker, and is survived by wife Kyra, son William Karl and daughter Heather.



MacStork

Joshua Thayne McHenry was born 2 June 2000 to John L. and Marie McHenry in Johnson City, New York. He is the grandson of William L. and Patricia McHenry.

Todd and Debbie Williams are the parents of **Joshua Angus**, born 24 June 1999, and **Heather Star**, born 27 August 2000.

Scott and Marsha Williams are the parents of twins **Christina Marie Williams** and **Cassandra Lynn Williams**, born 11 February 2000.

Harrison David born 27 November 2000 in Philadelphia, to William Karl and Sharon Walker, grandson of Margaret and John W. Walker.

Jessica Grace born 19 November 2001, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Dolly and Keil Heil. She is great-granddaughter of Joyce C. Peyman.

Alexander Drake born 22 November 2001 to Doreen and Andrew McMillan, Commissioner for Western Canada.

Useful Henderson Research Tools Available

By Horace Loftin

Hendersons of

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| Early Alabama | (1850) | 40pp | \$ 9.00 |
| Early Alabama | (1860) | 49pp | \$15.00 |
| Early Arkansas | (1850) | 28pp | \$10.00 |
| Early California | (1850) | 12pp | \$ 6.00 |
| Early Connecticut | (1850-1870) | 37pp | \$ 9.00 |
| Early Florida | (1850-1870) | 32pp | \$10.00 |
| Early Georgia | (1850-1870) | 253pp | \$27.00 |
| Early Kentucky | (1850) | 55pp | \$12.00 |
| Early Louisiana | (1850) | 26pp | \$12.00 |
| Early Maine | (1850-1870) | 96pp | \$16.00 |
| Early Massachusetts | (1850-1870) | 112pp | \$18.00 |
| Early Mississippi | (1850) | 32pp | \$ 8.00 |
| Early Missouri | (1850) | 159pp | \$21.00 |
| Early New Hampshire | (1850-1870) | 55pp | \$10.00 |
| Early North Carolina | (1850-1870) | 150pp | \$17.00 |
| Early Pennsylvania | (1850) | 106pp | \$16.00 |
| Early South Carolina | (1850-1870) | 186pp | \$20.00 |
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We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact me for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

We also have an outstanding booklet prepared by Clansman B. B. Shuffler, with simple but detailed information on sources for doing Henderson research, emphasis on where to go and what to look for in Scottish records: *Search for Scots*, 32pp, \$10.00

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Lost Hendersons

by Mary Rhinelander McCarl

We all rejoice when we find Henderson cousins, and can make the links between the branches of the family, moving together back through the years to when the first Hendersons came from Scotland to these shores. But the subject of my story is lost Hendersons, Hendersons who disappeared on the battlefields of the American Revolution, whose graves were never marked, and whose fate can never be known. I will tell you of two, John and Samuel, perhaps related, perhaps not, who died early in the war.

There were many Hendersons living on the Pennsylvania frontier in 1775 in what was then Cumberland County, but now encompasses parts of six counties in south central Pennsylvania. The land had only recently been ceded by the Indians, who were by no means pacified or friendly. Yet when the call came for volunteers in the spring of 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence, John Henderson stepped forward.

Captain William Hendricks raised a company of ninety riflemen; they left Carlisle on 13 July 1775 and walked the 432 miles to Cambridge, Massachusetts, arriving on 9 August 1775. James Thacher, a city man who had never seen frontiersman, was most impressed and recorded in his *Military Journal*:

"They are remarkably stout and hardy men; many of them exceeding six feet in height. They are dressed in white frocks or rifle shirts and round hats. These men are remarkable for the accuracy of their aim; striking a mark with great certainty at two hundred yards distance. At a review, a

company of them, while in a quick advance, fired their balls into objects of seven inches diameter at a distance of 259 yards. They are now stationed in our lines, and their shot have frequently proved fatal to British officers and soldiers who expose themselves to view at more than double the distance of common musket shot."

On 11 September, having drawn lots, Hendrick's company, with another Pennsylvania company, and a company of Maryland rifleman under Captain Daniel Morgan, along with eleven companies of musket men under Colonel Benedict Arnold of Connecticut, began the foolhardy attempt to take Quebec from the British. No-one has described the sufferings of the Americans better than Kenneth Roberts in his *Arundel* novels, but anyone interested in a description of their appalling journey up the Kennebec, and down the Chaudiere to Quebec should read the journals of Captain Hendricks and of the runaway sixteen-year-old, John Joseph Henry. The forces arrived at Quebec and joined those of General Montgomery who had come from New York state. The combined forces were ravaged by smallpox, the assault on the city was a fiasco, Montgomery was killed, Arnold wounded, the survivors taken prisoner. All that we know of John Henderson was that he was wounded in the assault. He never returned to Pennsylvania. We do not know who his family was, whether he was married and left children, we have only an image of a tall rifleman, dressed in a white rifle shirt dying in the snow of Quebec.

We do know something about Samuel Henderson's family (he left a widow and two children) but not how and where he died. He was living in the Tuscarora Valley, Cumberland county, later Milford township, Mifflin county, when he enlisted in Captain Cox's company of the 10th Pennsylvania Line. He fought at the Battle of Brandywine. The only information on his service comes from the testimony taken when his heirs were trying to get bounty land from the government. In December 1777, his brother William said, he was in the county militia near White Mashills, when he was told that Samuel's company was within one mile of where he was stationed, but the Army moved in the night, and William missed him. After William's tour of duty was up, he went home and told his brother John, whose turn it was to serve, to look for Samuel. John found a sergeant, who said he was dead. Captain Cox testified that when he returned from a furlough Henderson was dead, but whether he was killed or died of natural causes, Cox did not know. And that is all. We do not know where or how he died or where he was buried.

In these days of dog tags and body bags, when the government is still looking for bones of Americans who served in Vietnam, these accounts seem remarkably tenuous and untidy. But the fact that these two young Hendersons are "lost" does not mean that their sacrifice was any less than that of more recent soldiers. All of us should recognize and applaud the last full measure of devotion which they gave to their country.



Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



MidCentral Region
Charles B. Henderson
Commissioner



First Annual St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival 12-13 October 2001

by Charles B. Henderson

The first high-profile foray for Clan Henderson in the St. Louis area started off on a great note. Rain had fallen several days before and cooler winds settled in, but the skies cleared and the temperatures moderated for the Friday evening kickoff in Forest Park. At the torchlight ceremony, Clan President Rex Maddox gave a dramatic, rousing welcome to the other Clansmen and assembled guests, and took his place among the twenty-five other Clans represented.

After the torchlight ceremony, the crowd moved over to the ceilidh under the big tent, singing and dancing to spirited music provided by Duddybreeks (a St. Louis-based ceilidh band) and Alex Sutherland and His Cronies. Jim Byrnes, a regular on the "Highlander" TV series, was the event's "Distinguished Guest." An accomplished blues musician and singer as well as an actor, Jim regaled the

audience with several tunes, including a few original compositions. At the mid-day Parade of Tartans the next day, he presented the sponsors with a special gift from the producers of "Highlander," a beautiful katana, a Japanese sword used on the show.

Unfortunately, the good weather was not to last for the Saturday segment of the Games. By 9 A.M., the rain began to fall, letting up only for very short moments during the day. Nevertheless, the mayor of the city of St. Louis officially declared the games "open" at 9:30 A.M., and we were off and running. The events included heavy athletics, bagpipe bands, Highland dancers, sheepdog demonstrations, genealogical and historical presentations, and several musical artists, including folk guitarist Ed Miller and fiddler John Taylor.

Those of us in the Clan Henderson tent were grateful to Rex Maddox, who brought his own tent, which did a good job of keeping out the rain. We had quite a few Clan Henderson members who came to visit, and we recruited two new members. Special thanks to Jim Henderson of Alba, Missouri, the newly appointed Bodyguard for the Mid-Central Region, and his wife, who provided invaluable help in manning the tent. Jim also carried the Henderson banner for the Parade of Tartans that day. Thanks also to Evelyn Henderson Malan, who spent considerable time greeting folks at the Henderson tent.

Unfortunately, by mid-afternoon a strong front with a bracing wind swooped down, testing even the hardiest of Highlanders. By 3:30 p.m., it was time for everyone to call it a day. Even without that final rain, Forest Park by that point had become a mud hole. (And wouldn't you know it (the weekends before and after were absolutely gorgeous!)

In spite of the bad weather, however, the 2,500 people who came through the

gates seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Plus, the event made residents of metropolitan St. Louis much more aware of Scottish culture and contributions, and Clan Henderson was very much a part of that effort. We'll be back next year.

Far South Region
Kenneth Thiry
Commissioner



Celtic Festival Amarillo, Texas

by Billy Lea (Henderson) Peacock

My husband and I attended the Celtic Festival at Amarillo, Texas on 5-6 October 2001. We thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Something was going on at all times.

There were eight Clans represented, but no Henderson tent.

The pipers were outstanding and also the singers. We especially enjoyed the Jerre's Merry Fiddlers. They were outstanding and if one missed a note (I do not know music) I could not tell it. They played as a band and then each student played a solo. All were very good.

The Festival was held inside at the TriState Fairgrounds and we appreciated that as the wind was blowing outside.

We attended the Kirking of the Tartans and I am sorry I did not get the name of the person who gave the book review on the book "How the Irish Saved The Civilization" which was very interesting and since I had not read the book I am trying to get it through inter-library loan.

The program presented the Festival location, the events, the performers, and the vendors very well; it also offered an extra bonus for the bairns—it was also



A brave gathering of Hendersons in rainy St. Louis—Sola Virtus Nobilitat.



Walkabout in Tallahassee

a coloring book. Hendersons should have a booth next year.

Mid East Region
Leon Hicks
Commissioner



Williamsburg Scott'sh Festival and Celtic Celebration 21-22 September 2001

by Christian Garin

After one of the best receptions attended year to date, on Friday night, at a nearby Williamsburg Hotel, with a great selection of food and free bar, I started Saturday under a thin layer of fog. Because of the heavy rain and poor drainage conditions experienced over the last two years, the Game area had been moved to higher grounds. It had been a juggling act for me to be there in Williamsburg, convening for Clan Henderson, while the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair, of which I am a Council Member, was being held on the same day. But as usual, I managed to delegate my Heritage Fair duties, and started my day in Williamsburg with a smile on my face and high expectations of a great turn out under beautiful sunshine.

The Games turned out to be fairly low key, with no new members and only one

membership form going home, with Jason and Elizabeth Henderson of Williamsburg, two potential new members visiting toward the end of the day. To my delight, members Dudley and Sharon Lewis, also from Williamsburg, visited in the early afternoon.

We had hoped for dry weather in Williamsburg; the day turned out a little "too dry" maybe! But despite the low turn out, it was great to visit with my neighbors and fellow clan members. Many friendly faces I noted from my first season as a convenor. And so the Henderson's once again were proudly present, alive and well.

Celtic Classic Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 28-30 September 2001

by William E. Henderson

The event runs Friday through Sunday, but I was able to attend Saturday. Janet Laidlaw and Kathryn Joyce and their parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Henderson joined in the clan parade. Harold Armstrong and Dave and Dale Armstrong visited the clan site. Several visitors took membership forms. The event was well attended with loads of vendors, games, pipe bands, and entertainment.

I look forward to seeing more cousins next year — we are just a few hours travel from almost anywhere in the region.

Scottish Heritage Festival Holmdel, New Jersey 30 September 2001

by William E. Henderson

Day started cold and windy. Rain held off until after the opening ceremonies. Although attendance was down because of the weather, member Scott Henderson came with his brother Mark and Sister Joanne who both joined the clan. Another new member, Michael Henderson, came with his family.

All conditions aside, we had some great kinship. Hopefully next year we will have the beautiful weather we had last year.



Radford Highlanders Festival 13 October 2001

by Christian Garin

With rain in the forecast for the whole weekend, I set sails for the 300-mile south journey, bracing myself for the worst. I was pleasantly surprised in many ways. The Radford Highlanders Festival started with a scotch tasting reception on Friday night, hosted by the Radford City Arts and Events Commission. It would have been perfect had I not been forced to set sleeping quarters in Roanoke, all accommodations being booked in the Radford area weeks in advance due to Radford University Home Coming events and Virginia Tech football games being held that weekend.

After a scotch tasting evening, one would hope that the games would be held over two days, so that one could skip Saturday, but no such luck, as this was a Saturday only event, and so I set up for a long day of unpredictable weather bright and early Saturday morning.

The setting was perfect. First of all, Radford is nestled into one of the most scenic part of the Virginia countryside, very reminiscent of some areas of Scotland. The games were held on the campus of Radford University, amidst majestic academic buildings and beautiful landscape. Nineteen clans were represented. The weather, though overcast most of the time, allowed for nice periods of sunshine and pleasantly mild temperatures, with no rain all day long. The crowd came in steady, and many new faces showed up. Overall, I was tickled by the friendly atmosphere and stayed busy throughout the day. I was blessed having my space set up right next to the bleachers adjacent to the athletic field, between the field and the entertainment tent. This allowed me, for the first time this season, to watch amateur athletics, listen to entertainers, and host the tent all at one time.

Aside from many "eager to find their family" and filing out COSCA information forms, I was blessed by the visit of many friendly faces, including member Tim Lineberry and his family, and renewal of the membership of Jim Henderson, who spent quality time at our tent throughout the day. Local

musician and Highland dancer Anne Sampson, once again, helped with the taking down of the tent and displays.

Overall it was a great weekend that I look forward to repeating again next

The First Cumberland Celtic Festival

by Rex Maddox

It looked like the day would be a bust, weather-wise, but turned out to be very nice with sunny skies and temperature high of about 68 degrees. Pat and I had been contacted by the organizers to bring a COSCA representation to the event. They indicated there would probably be other Clans present although this was the first Celtic event to be held in Cumberland and response by clans had not been overwhelming at the time we received our invitation (early Spring).

We were, however, joined by a group from Breton who set up their tent next to ours and who provided some musical entertainment from that region of France, along with demonstrations of the terpsichorean arts from that area. There was continuous entertainment during the day in the next block, but it was rather remote from our location so we were happy to have the Celts from Bretagne next to our tent.

Due to the event taking place on a "walking street" in the newly revitalized downtown area of Cumberland, we were not permitted to put down stakes at the corners of our tent, for stability. Having convened tents on several occasions in the mountains of Maryland on previous occasions, we knew the wind did manage to cause some problem during afternoon hours. I had thought we would just get some bags of sand at a local hardware store, but couldn't locate a single bag in several stops. We did, however, find some bird seed at the local WalMart, in ten pound bags, and we decided that would be a logical answer to the problem and we could use the seed to feed our birds at home. It worked just fine and the birds that normally feed in our backyard will enjoy the feast. Incidentally, we held the tent down by placing it in double plastic bags from the store and hooking a long bungee to the handles-worked quite well.

We considered the day a success in that we were able to refer over sixty families to Clans and there were two who were given information on the Clan Henderson Society.

Richmond Highland Games 27-28 October 2001

by Christian Garin

More of us should work for the U.S. Postal Service.... Rain, shine, snow or blow, Hendersons always show!!! And a lot of cold wind we sure got, courtesy of our Canadian cousins. In my experience, the Richmond Highland Games were the coldest of all, surpassing that of three years ago, with sunshine on both days, but also with cold gusty wind that made it necessary to enclose all three sides of the tent. That did not seem to stop anyone from attending.

And indeed a great weekend it was. Seventy clans and societies were in attendance, and a very nice selection of vendors was at hand. The clan tents were aligned around the perimeter of the athletic field, in the most traditional setting, and only feet away from vendors, which contributed to the large number of visitors on both days. We started Saturday with four loud speakers blasting at us to a point where we could not even carry a conversation in the tent when the Athletics commentator would be speaking. It took a little convincing on our part to have the organizers oblige our request to have the public address system cut off on that part of the field.

The flow of visitors was steady on both days, and included members Jeff and Carolyn Jarrells, Jim and Phillis Henderson, Connie Burton, Richard and Mary Bartlett, and Nancy McAtee. I apologize to those I forget to list, as members do not always list their status when signing in the guest book. Scott and Kristin Henderson and Karen Carroll renewed their membership.

Five new membership



forms were collected on site, and so our Clan now includes Timothy Clonts, Lawson and Shirley Shelton, Margaret Murphy, Lindsay Henderson and fiancée Kathryn, and Terry and Susan Dorn. We were thrilled that both Nancy McAtee and Tim Clonts expressed interest in helping convene in the Richmond area at future events. Tim actually helped convene the later part of Sunday afternoon, and helped with the take down of the tent, with the help of two-year-old Elise.

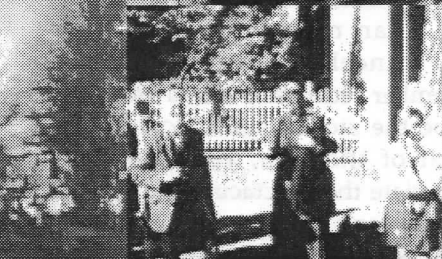
My dear friend and Mid East Commissioner, Leon Hicks, braved the cold to help convene the tent on both days, while son Greg was racking up prizes in the Highland Dancing competition. As usual, it was a lot of fun having Leon around... if only Ann could hide his penny whistle! Leon and Greg also surprised me by joining me unexpectedly at the Saturday night Ceilidh. His sneaking in on me makes me wonder if Leon might be trying to keep me out of trouble. He does not realize the task at hand. I think he had fun until a friendly drunk shared his pint of Guinness on his new Henderson shirt. He spent the rest of the night doing laundry in the men's room.

For me, the Richmond Highland Games were the most successful of the season, with a record number of visitors, new members and renewals, and quantity of goods sold. It was indeed a "grand finale" to a great and fun season of games and festivals, after logging 3,151 miles year-to-date. The most rewarding part of this all is the many friendly faces I have met and the many new friends I have made along the way. With only the Alexandria Christmas Walk and Henderson Ceilidh four weeks away, it is time to clean, repair and store the equipment for the winter. I am already confirmed for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Tartan Day in DC, Chesterfield County Celtic Festival, Big Island Games, and Hanover County Games, all during the March-May 2002 time frame, and the rest of the 2002 season is already pretty much mapped out.



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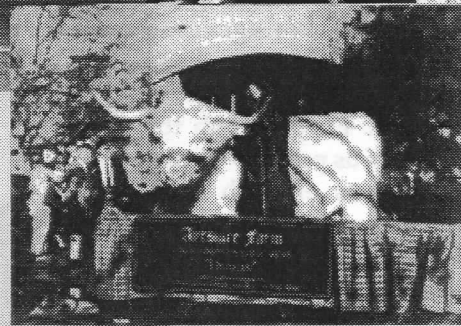
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Four (4)
Great
Henderson
Pipers



Alexandria
Scottish
Christmas
Walk
2001



Turkey chefs
pipers galore
and the
piano man,
Doug



Clan Henderson
Christmas Ceilidh



And of course the
Regional
Commissioner,
Leon, and his
Lady, Ann, saw
to it that we had a
great time with
country dancing.

Happy Holidays



Charleston, SC Scottish Games 16 September 2000

by Suzanne Keifer

The 2000 Charleston Games more than made up for last year's cancelled games. If you remember Hurricane Floyd and all the havoc the storm created on the East Coast of the U.S., you could well appreciate the spectacular day we had at this year's games. Sunshine and a cool breeze all day long kept the visitors at a nice level. We signed up several new members and had one renewal. A number of folks just stopped by for information. Even though there were only a few of us present, Becky Morgan was gracious enough to pipe the Hendersons around for our traditional walkabout in the afternoon. If nothing else, they knew the Hendersons were there!

The venue is the Boone Hall Plantation (remember Twelve Oaks from "Gone With the Wind"?). As an added bonus, the plantation opens its doors for free tours to Games attendees on that day. Charleston is just chock full of history and this location makes a perfect starting or stopping point for a quick vacation or weekend getaway, not to mention some pretty awesome restaurants in and around town. (Some restaurants have even been around for a long time....)

I was surprised to see so many bands competing this year—a total of fifteen! There were Grade 3, 4, and 5 bands competing and the closing ceremonies were delayed almost 45 minutes due to the numbers competing. Becky competed with the Central Florida Police Pipe Band and I understand they are planning to go to the Worlds next year to compete. (Not that I'm prejudiced or anything, but the Atlanta Pipe Band took first in both Grade 3 and Grade 5 competitions.) Chelsea Carter competed in four dances. (Talk about exhausting!!)

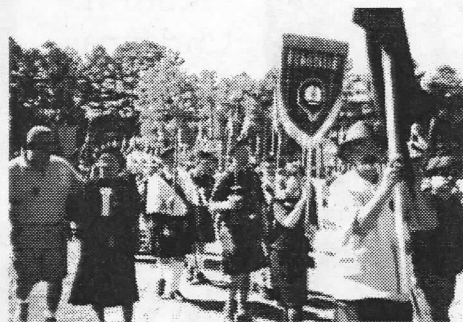
All in all, these are great games. As they are a bit smaller than some of the

others, they do afford you the opportunity to visit and look around and not be bombarded with huge throngs of people. If you've never been, I'd suggest putting Charleston on your calendar—enjoy the area, enjoy the wonderful flavor of the City of Charleston, and come enjoy the games.

Stone Mountain Highland Games

By Suzanne Keifer

Another year has come and gone with another Stone Mountain festival under our belts. We could not have asked for better cooperation from Mother Nature for the two days. Crisp autumn mornings transitioned into absolutely beautiful and sunny afternoons and a comfortable evening for our ceilidh following the Saturday events.



There was a very good turnout this year and we signed eight new members/families and also had as many renewals. Pat Maddox and Christi Heston ran the COSCA tent, with occasional help from yours truly. Sometimes they were four-deep in people wanting some assistance in locating a Clan/Association—it happens wherever they go!! (Pat was absolutely hoarse by Sunday!) There were over 100 Clans represented at these Games so there was no excuse not to find a match somewhere...

I'm very excited to announce that Chelsea Carter obtained another stamp on her dancing card which now moves her up to Intermediate class in Highland dancing. I never did find out exactly which dance she did to get the honor but I know we're all so proud of you, Chelsea. Way to go!! We also presented to Jacob Craig his Youth Award and check for his piping skills. Jacob pipes



with the Atlanta Pipe Band.

Although we were not able to have our "world famous" Walkabout this year for lack of a piper (they were all readying for competition), we did manage to snag Jerry Finegan, Dave Crampton, and Matt Keifer for entertainment Saturday evening at the ceilidh and also had the pleasure of being entertained by Chelsea and her friend, Katie Willoughby in several Highland dances. I think there were close to sixty people at the house. Everybody seemed to have a good time, judging by the empties in the recycle tub.

The really exciting news is that the Games are bringing back the Tattoo, for which the festival is so well-known. Due to some architectural issues, the Tattoo had to be cancelled for the past couple years but will come back next year and I believe it will be held in the meadow where the Athletics and Massed Bands are located. Now you have no excuse not to make these Games part of your itinerary.

Foothills Highland Games Tryon, North Carolina

by Rex H. Redmon

The first ever Foothills Highland Games held on picturesque Harmon field in Tryon, Polk County, North Carolina, was held on Saturday, 3 November 2001. Harry Keifer, South Eastern Regional Commissioner, answered the call for Clan Henderson during Friday evening's torchlight ceremony which was followed by a Patrons and Sponsors Reception.

Harry and Susanne Keifer did their usual wonderful job of bedecking Clan Henderson's tent with the appropriate colors and literature. In addition, Clan Henderson carried the banner of COSCA at the clan tent for the games. I

arrived late-around 9:00 A.M.-Saturday after taking a wrong turn out of Greenville, South Carolina, which is only thirty minutes away as the crow flies, but an hour when one takes the wrong turn.

I have attended many inaugural events of various undertaking, however have yet to attend an event which was as well organized, planned and implemented. Congratulations to the co-founders, Patrick and Ivy Smith, The Board of Directors and the Officers of SCOTS (Scottish Clans of the South) for excellent games.

The weather cooperated for the event as well and the temperature hovered in the low seventies all day. While clan attendance was low with only seventeen clans and associations sponsoring the games, activity at the games and clan tents was reminiscent of Grandfather Mountain. Activity in the Henderson's tent was a constant all day with many would be Scotsmen and Scots ladies inquiring about their Scottish heritage. We signed five new families from Polk Counties and nearby Henderson County. And was also grateful for the help of new Clan member Diane Stepkoski as myself, Harry and Susanne were busy all day assisting our visitors. Our tent was also graced with the beauty of my friend, Scarlet "Doyenne" Doe, of nearby Jackson County.

The enthusiasm for the event was high all day and was much appreciated by the attendees from the surrounding counties whose ancestry links are primarily Scots and Scots-Irish with a sprinkling of German and English. Harry and I carried the colors of Clan Henderson onto the parade field and were placed second in line behind Clan Pollock (Polk county) which was honored clan. Our place in line was determined by the fact Henderson County joins Polk County. The planners of the event added a nice touch as the clans marched in Pass and Review. The games announcer read a brief history of each clan. The touch added an air of honor and dignity to the Clans as we passed in review.

I encourage all Henderson clan members to mark you calendars now and plan to attend the second annual Foothills Highland Games, which will occur the first weekend in November or the weekend after the Waxhaw games.

The setting is not only beautiful, but the folks with SCOTS put on a nice show. Harry, Susanne and I will be there.

Waxhaw Highland Games Waxhaw, NC

by Rex H. Redmon

The 22nd Annual Waxhaw Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans was held on 27 October 2001 at the Waxhaw Briarwood Farms Grounds near the community of Waxhaw, North Carolina. Waxhaw is located sixteen miles south of the city limits of Charlotte, North Carolina, in the beautiful rolling country side of the former home of the Waxhaw Indians.

Forty-three Scottish Clans and Associations sponsored this year's event, making these games, the best-attended games in the brief history of the event. Clan Henderson answered the call with attendee, George Henderson of Lexington, South Carolina, who has attended every event since the inaugural event in 1979. George, who convened the games for Clan Henderson in the absence of South Eastern Regional Commissioner, Harry Keifer, who was pulling double duty with the Stone Mountain Games the week before Waxhaw and the Foothills Highland Games the week after Waxhaw, was assisted in the Clan tent by the ever faithful presence of Mac Henderson and L.D. Bass of Charlotte and Rex Redmon of Greenville, South Carolina. Also Dr. Ed Hendricks of Demorest, Georgia, attended and represented the bodyguard of Clan Henderson.

Yet, these were not to be typical Waxhaw games where we have always enjoyed beautiful fall weather. A cold front was on the move through the area and the temperature hovered in the high thirties all day with a constant cold wind blowing. It gave meaning to the word "panty hose" and if we had some to wear, I'm sure the men in kilts would have donned them quickly and without modesty. I have never been so cold in a kilt. Ladies, we do not know how you do it!

With the cold weather at hand, attendance was held at bay and we were unsuccessful signing new members for the event. Later in the morning, Rex's daughter, Stephanie and grandson,

Randy Shaw, graced our presence and Randy marched in the Parade of Tartans with Clan Henderson. Led by Rex, who carried the Henderson banner, and followed by Ed who was the bodyguard, and George as an officer representative, Mac, Randy and L.D. proudly carried the Henderson colors onto the parade field and won first place for small clan dressed in Tartans. We were sharp and did Clan Henderson proud! To honor his devotion and attendance to the event, George took the trophy home and will return it to grace our display next year along with the other trophies we previously won at the event.

South West Region
Buzz McEldowney
Commissioner



Celtic Festival & Highland Games Grand Junction, CO 22-23 September 2001

by Peggy Zanin

What a glorious weekend! Up to now, the Celtic Society of Western Colorado has held one-day Games. Last year it was rained out so it was decided to expand to two days this year to try to make up the loss. The weather was gorgeous—nearly 90 in the sun but with a cool breeze that made sitting in a tent quite comfortable. The event was held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds in Grand Junction which is grassy and spacious. The Games Committee outdid itself with more than the usual number of pipe bands, vendors, food booths, etc.

Previous years, sitting at the Clan booth was pretty boring since hardly anyone came by. This year we had 13 visitors, largely members from out of town who brought relatives from in town who we are trying to convince should join for themselves. We have a member of a Utah pipe band that stops by and visits every year. Dorrie and Roger Thompson marched with me in the Midday Ceremonies on Saturday and carried the banner.

Many people claimed they didn't realize the "Henderson" name was Scottish and were delighted they had

found a place they could call "home". I can sympathize since I thought the Hendersons were the English side of my family until Bob Henderson straightened me out. I'm glad the Western Colorado Hendersons are finally finding their roots and look forward to many more visits from an increasing number of Clan Cousins at future Games.

25th Annual Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival And Games

by Dennis and Pam Young

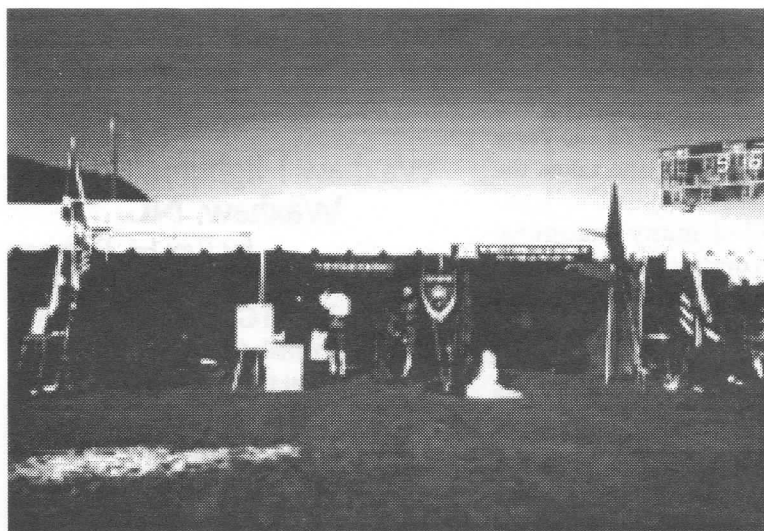
The 25th Annual Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival held on 7-9 September 2001 began on a blustery Friday morning. The convenors began setting up clan row wondering what the mountain weather would bring for the weekend. Situated at 7,500 feet, fall weather in Estes Park can bring a variety of conditions.

Despite snow on Saturday, the event attracted approximately 60,000 visitors through the course of the weekend. The weather on Sunday in Estes Park was warm and beautiful.

Admission to the Festival again gave festival goers access to many activities. From highland dance competitions to a variety of musical performances including Scottish and Irish balladeers and pipe bands to rock bands with a Celtic flair. The Dogs of the British Isles, jousting exhibitions, men's and women's Scottish athletic competitions, as well as food and beverage vendors



Rex congratulating Bob on retirement



Long's Peak

and merchants were among the attractions.

Clan Henderson was honored this year by the attendance of Rex Maddox, Clan Henderson president, and his wife Pat. Rex and Pat spent many hours at the COSCA table helping all those curious about their Scottish roots.

Clan Henderson enjoyed a very successful event with over eighty visitors registering and obtaining information about Clan Henderson. In addition, nineteen new "cousins" were enrolled and 11 renewals received. With guidance from Rex, the Clan Tent was arranged in an open, inviting manner that helped land Clan Henderson the "Best Large Clan Tent Award."

Our clan walkabout, lead by Pipe Major John R. Bergquist and members of the El Jebel Shrine Temple Pipes and Drums on Sunday gave Clan Henderson the opportunity to march proudly down clan row.

On a more somber note, the long-time Commissioner of the Southwest Region, Robert H. "Bob" Henderson, retired from his Clan Henderson responsibilities at the conclusion of these years' games. Bob joined the Clan Henderson Society in the 1980's, convening a Clan Henderson tent at the Northern Colorado games held in Loveland, Colorado. He was appointed the Southwest Regional Commissioner in August 1990. At that time, Bob was told his region had all of six members! Bob's commitment and dedication to Clan Henderson resulted in the southwest region growth to 138 families/individuals. In 1994 Bob was awarded "The Order of the Chief."

Bob was presented with the

"President's Citation" award during a brief ceremony following the Henderson's walkabout on Sunday afternoon. Rex Maddox, Clan Henderson Society president, presented the plaque, which was adorned with the Regional Commissioner Cap badge mounted on the Henderson tartan. The plaque read, "Presented with Grateful Appreciation to Robert H. Henderson who has served with distinction as Commissioner, Southwest Region of the Clan Henderson Society during the period September 1990 to September 2001." Bob certainly will be missed by the newcomers stepping up to fill some very big shoes.

At the same time, we celebrated the appointment of the new Southwest Region Commissioner, Joseph "Buzz" McEldowney. Buzz is not a newcomer to Clan Henderson activities. Buzz joined the Clan Henderson Society at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado, in September 1992. He expressed an interest in being active and was appointed Convenor for the Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games at Highlands Ranch, CO in 1993. In his first appearance as Convenor, he won an award for "Best Tent." Early in 1994, he was appointed Convenor for Colorado. In June 1996, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner for the Southwest Region. In September 1998, he was awarded "The Order of the Chief." He regularly convenes clan tents at two to four events each year, including yeoman service at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival.

We hope to see you next year at the festival!

From the Chaplain

by the Rev. C. Fred Sanford



December 2001

A great tragedy has occurred since I wrote an article for the last newsletter. Our editor had contacted me after I had submitted my September article and so I make some belated comments here. By now, each of you have undoubtedly placed the whole disaster of September 11 in the hands of whatever Spirit of Comfort is close to you. For many (perhaps most) it has been given over to the Holy Spirit of Almighty God, for such is a source of strength which combines Creation with Redemption and the hope of eternal life for those who believe. For other people, just the fellowship of the Church, or of a nation in mourning, and those who share our thoughts, is enough. Others may turn to forms of anger and fear about the whole thing, and this, if not resolved toward positive affections, could lead to despair. My hope is that this last avenue be avoided, and that your faith in a God of Justice and Peace be strong, with courage and patience.

I mentioned previously that I would attempt a commentary this time on VIRTUE. Maybe I can

combine it with what is happening now on the world scene. "Only Virtue Ennobles" (*sola virtus nobilitat*) reads the Latin motto on the Henderson Badge. But have you stopped to consider what VIRTUE is, let alone true nobility? Many philosophers and theologians over the years have defined these terms for their own places and times, and a dictionary will point to moral excellence, valor and strength.

Briefly I'd like to suggest an additional quality about virtue, looking at it in the context of who benefits by one's virtue. A Puritan clergyman of the 18th Century in New England, Jonathan Edwards by name, suggested that true virtue comes not from one's mind and will but from the HEART. As such, it is not the self which benefits but the OTHER person, or society. Furthermore, in the Scottish Reformed tradition, virtue cannot even come from good intentions, since we are all so prone to self-interest. Virtue comes from a quality given to us by our Creator, known as GRACE. So . . . Amazing Grace, as we hear so often from the repertoire of the

bagpiper, saves wretches like us.

Consequently, other people benefit by our care and concern — FOR THEM.

Just look at what has happened by the policemen and firefighters in New York City. That was, and is, true virtue, and surely it is what ennobles men and women of faith in all walks of life. *Sola virtus nobilitat!*

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

A good suggestion was made at Stone Mountain in October for my chaplain's work. When clan society members and officers are called from life on this earth it is fitting, not only to recall in public print of their loss, and pledging support to their immediate relatives, but also for the chaplain to send a note of pastoral sympathy to those families. I shall attempt to follow through with this suggested duty. It will take, however, the cooperation of a number of people throughout the society, letting the officers, and me, know of such losses.

Thanks for listening, and again, my address is: The Rev. C. Fred Sanford, 109 Gatwick Ct., Statesville, NC, 28677; phone: (704) 878-6094; e-mail: cfsnfrd@energyunited.net.

Nominating Committee Named

President Rex Maddox has requested three Clan members to select and recommend Clan persons to be the officers who will lead the Clan during the coming two year term, 2003/2004. The Chairperson of the Committee is Charles B. Henderson, Commissioner of the Mid Central Region. His Committee members will be Billy J. Henderson of Jackson, MS and George C. Henderson of Lexington, SC.

This group of Clansmen will have responsibility to find individuals who will be willing to serve in all elected offices of the Clan except that of Vice President-General Counsel. Those offices will include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominees to the Clan, who will be subject of a vote to the offices concerned at the next Annual General Meeting, may be any individual willing to serve the specified term and who is an active (dues paid) member of the Clan. If you are willing to help with the leading of the Clan through the next two years, in any of the positions noted above, please contact one of the committee members stated above whose addresses and telephone numbers are included in this issue of An Canach. George C. Henderson may be reached at (803) 359-1568.

Participation, Involvement and Membership (PIM)

Christian Garin was asked to address his experience as a convenor, his article follows.

*Planning to
convene a
gathering
actually
3-6 months
ahead
when you
notify your
commissioner
and the
editor of
An Canach
of your
intentions*

*Clan Members
who know
about the
event from
An Canach
will attend!*

As a rookie "Convenor," I still have a lot to learn from more seasoned cousins who, I am sure, are much better at this job than I am. But I was given an opportunity to share my experience with all of you, and I thought I should not shy away from such honor bestowed upon me.

Little did I know when I was adopted by Clan Henderson a few years back, that I would become so involved, especially this year, and that I would convene no less than six games my first year at it, while helping with another six events. All of this with no regrets whatsoever, and the looking forward for the next year to come.

So what is it like and what does it take to convene your first game, and the next, and the one after. First of all, I had the motivation, and I had set some very basic objectives, among which 1) to have fun, 2) to do the best I could, and 3) to learn and do better each time. The first two objectives are the very basis of all things we should consider when getting involved with an organization on a volunteer basis. Without the fun and the satisfaction of having done a good job, we soon lose our focus and interest, and set ourselves for possibly burnout or failure. The rest of it just falls into place in one way or another throughout the year.

The following is a "road map" that I used to help me along the way this year. It is by no means instructions on what to do where and when, but a mere account of what worked for me, and what did not.

To each "would-be convenor," I would suggest that you start by visiting a game or festival in your

area and offer to the local convenor to spend some time with her or him. Watch how the tent is set up, and how (s)he interacts with the visitors throughout the day. Build up your confidence level, and remember that our Clan does not need clones, and that your personal touch and way of doing things will be added value. As long as you follow a few basic rules (see below about paperwork and finances), you have to be yourself or otherwise you won't have fun. You may want to repeat this process as often as you find it necessary. Finally comes the big day to go solo. . . .

I typically visit the MacLachlan's web site (<http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>). I find it very well organized and accurate (well only as accurate as the information they receive from various organizers). This site pretty much gives you a listing of all the games and festivals in the country and beyond, organized by region and state. Once you reach the web page for an specific event, you will know pretty much everything you need to know about the event, including dates, convening cost, activities, deadline for space application, and how to submit a space application.

I found that choosing a small game, far away, was a very comfortable start. Though no one is out there with a scorecard, a low-key game will take away of lot of the stress of doing this on your own for the first time. If you find someone to help you with it, the more, the merrier, the better. In any case, plan early! I was surprised to find a rather large Game with an application

submission deadline two months before the actual date of the Games. Also contact your Regional Commissioner to make sure that someone else is not applying for the same event. In any case, you should work hand in hand with your Commissioner, since (s)he is ultimately accountable for what is going on in your region.

The tent is going to be your "home" for the day, or possibly the entire weekend. Try to personalize it so that it feels good to you, and appealing to the public. I try to set up my tables in a "U" shape around the perimeter, while keeping the entrance open, to make it easy for folks to just walk in and visit. You will find out that visiting other clan tents will give you lots of new ideas about how to set up the next time. Six games later, I am still experimenting and finding new and better ways to enhance my space. I should own stock in companies who make bungee cords; I never seem to have enough of all sizes.

If your pocketbook allows, bring a few goodies and refreshments that you don't mind sharing with your new friends. Your hospitality will be long remembered. The guest book is one to keep an eye on. When things get busy, I find myself often forgetting to ask my visitors to sign in, and when I do, I occasionally forget to flag the names of those who are already members. You will need that information when completing your activity report and if you want to give credit in an An Canach article about the event. Keeping good track of the goods you sell is very important.

I recommend that you carry a very accurate inventory sheet of what you have prior to the start of an event. I customized a spreadsheet given to me by our quartermaster, Warren Henderson, that I keep up to date as I go. This will help you once again with the completion of your activity report, figuring out what you sold, allocating the money you brought home with you, and ordering new supplies.

Everything has an end, and eventually you will pack for the day and go home. Make good notes of what might need repair or replacement. Try to have it fixed upon your return. Whether you are the next convenor, or turn over the equipment to the next one, the last thing one needs is to deal with broken or missing goods the morning of an event. After a rough day, some items may need a little clean up, and possible pressing when it comes to flags and banners.

I would recommend that you complete your report as soon as possible after an event. There are several reasons for this. First of all, you hopefully came home with a couple of new membership forms or renewals, and maybe sold some goods. The sooner you turn in the paperwork and money to the responsible parties, the sooner the money makes it into our funds and the sooner the new membership process can take place. You will also need to write a little article for publication in An Canach and don't want to miss the deadline for article submission prior to publication—unless it was your birthday on that day. How many of you remember today what you did on March 5 of this year? The bottom line is the sooner the better! I would recommend filing directly with our secretary, treasurer, An Canach editor and quartermaster, while copying your Commissioner with the whole thing. Sending checks and membership forms to your Commissioner only slows down the process, as (s)he in turn must forward them to the interested parties.

Who gets what? Remember that copies of copies often don't come out very clear. I send my original application forms to our Secretary, with copies of checks. If I think that the handwriting on the form is questionable, I try to catch it before our new member leaves the tent, so that I can make it easier for our Secretary to follow up. I convert the cash that I received into one personal check that I label "goods sold" or "new memberships" or both; I send this along with other checks made payable to the Clan to our Treasurer, along with copies of membership forms, so that she knows what is what when keeping the books. As to ordering goods, I try to let my Commissioner do that on an as needed basis for the entire region, to minimize mailing cost and help keep a better handle on the regional inventory.

What else have I forgotten that I may suggest? Finding and ordering new items? I discussed this with Warren, and it seems that the best way to handle this is to present your plan to him first. If you think you have found a great item that can complement our assortment of T-shirts and badges, get the information and run it by him first. Not only can that item be possibly added to your inventory, it may also benefit other regions. Most vendors have a website, or a catalog of their products; Warren might be in a position to negotiate a better price if he orders in bulk, which would allow us a small profit when selling the goods. And remember that the \$300 stained glass clan crest has less chances of making it to our permanent inventory than the \$10 Henderson computer mouse pad....

Last but not least, do not commit any Clan's money until you have approval to do so. There might be instances where you feel that the Clan should pay for a certain activity or item. I strongly recommend that you put a business plan together and present it to our Treasurer, who

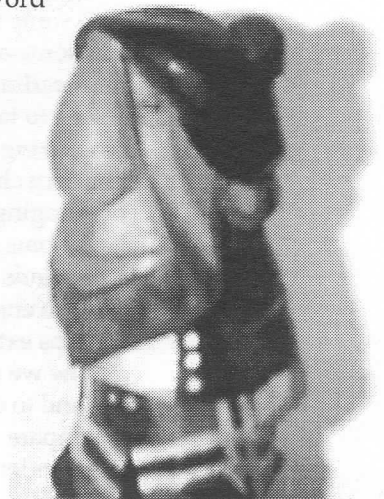
can then cut out a check, if approved. Spending your own money and then asking for reimbursement is not a very good way of doing business, as this disbursement may not have been budgeted to start with. So contact our Treasurer before spending any of the Clan's money, or else take the risk of eating the expense.

While on the subject of money, if you think you will be very much involved, and want to take advantage of our 501(c)(3) status, you may want to keep very accurate records of your expenses, including mileage, hotel and food, convening cost, etc... This will be very handy the day you decide to use these as deductions when you file your taxes. You would be surprised how fast this adds up. Of course, when in doubt, consult with your tax adviser.

One way to generate additional funds for your region is to tap into corporate dollars. You may work for a company that sponsors such program as a "Volunteer Incentive Program" by which they award an organization with a monetary award in support of your volunteer work. Or it may match your own contributions. Explore, run it by our treasurer to see if it is worth it or if we even qualify, and take advantage of it. These additional revenues could help many good causes, such as helping with convening cost on an as needed basis, purchasing new or additional equipment, or helping fund new programs.

Finally one last word
of advice.
HAVE FUN!

*Check
to see who
lives near the
event and ask
them to help
you*



Another Region Realignment

With the recent change in the leadership status of our North Central Region, we are given the opportunity of making a change in responsibility for the states which comprise the region. The change being made because of the distances one has to travel to make a presence for the Clan known at the events in the region and expenses necessary which must be sustained by the Commissioner or convenor of the event. By realigning the North Central and Mid Central regions, we permit a move of only a few members into a different region but, more importantly, we provide for an opportunity to attend the Scottish events within the states that now become a responsibility of a different region. The states which will move from the North Central region are Iowa and Nebraska where there are but three events during the course of the year. These events will now be the responsibility of the Mid Central region and make a total of ten events annually within that region. Meanwhile, the North Central region will have three states, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. You will note the region changes on the inside back page of this issue of An Canach.

Clan Henderson Kilt, Trews, etc.

As editor of the newsletter of Coastal Scottish Heritage Society, I have been recently asked to run a blurb in our next issue concerning the Clan Henderson kilt, trews, jacket, etc., owned by Charlie Sutlive, a recently deceased member of our Society and yours.

His widow Betty is anxious to dispose of all the clothing, so she will probably be easy to get along with. Would appreciate your making a note of it for your next issue, if possible.

The jacket is a heather gray wool with bone buttons—it is not marked as to size, but I would guess it is about a 40 regular. The trews have a 36" waist, with a 29" inseam. The kilt is 20-1/2" long.

I am not familiar enough with Henderson tartan to know if you have several color combinations, but both the kilt and trews are the lovely green I see so often at your tents.

Betty can be contacted at (215) 646-1566; she travels on a regular basis, as sales rep for an electron microscopy business, so probably the best bet is her e-mail address: sgkcck@aol.com. Her business number is (800) 523-5874; they could, I'm sure, take a message and have her return the call. She has not put a price on any of these clothes; I have the distinct impression, she would take most any offer.

Many thanks for your listening to me—hope you will be able to pass this info along, and I do hope one of your new members will be interested in a new wardrobe! I forgot to mention that all of these pieces are in excellent condition—even freshly cleaned.

Sally R. Little

Touring Scotland

When I first started writing articles for An Canach, I greedily read every book about Scotland, Hendersons, history, and heraldry I could find. I also subscribed to Scottish magazines and publications produced in North America. It was an overdose, for sure, but it gave me a lot to write about and numerous "observations." Some would probably be irreverent, I guess; however, let me share some thoughts with you. I nearly always get comments to these thought pieces—I'm glad to know at least some articles are being read.

In reading reference books on clans and tartans published during the last century, a master plan could be seen to take shape as the experts in this business (the Lyon Court) established a pattern on one hand of recognizing not only Chiefs of the ancient clans, but recognizing Chiefs of the Name, thereby establishing a modern clan. There was some negativism to this "program." On the other hand, we see the same experts encouraging all clans—especially the new ones—to establish a clan center/museum somewhere in the clan's home area. Clan gatherings on some periodic basis are also encouraged. Clan tours like the Henderson Homelands Tour and subsequent ones [see information on the right] satisfy this "requirement" while being an enjoyable activity for the participants. That the Henderson homelands cover all of Scotland makes our trips extra special.

Now we see in the 20 October 2001 issue of The Economist, that there is a new push at the highest level in Scotland to encourage those of us of Scottish descent to bring our tourist dollars "home." [The article goes on to compare us to the Irish who return "home" in droves—seems they were run out of Ireland while our ancestors left on purpose—but that's another story.] Well, let's show them and take the "home" tour this year.

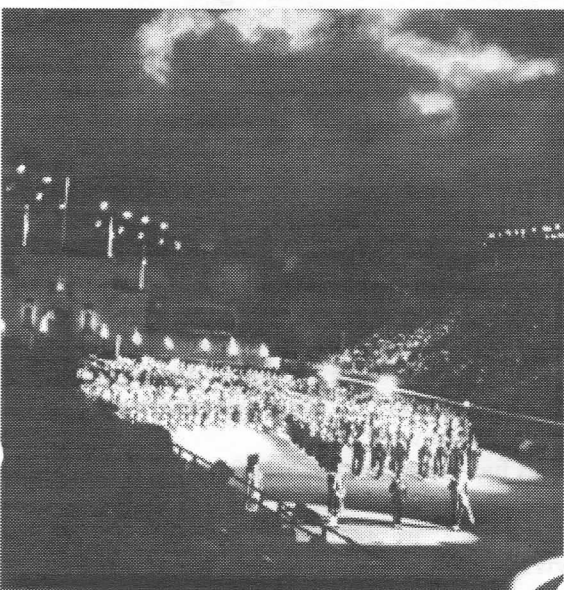


With this plaque, visitors can find the Henderson Stone at Glencoe. The stone is a reminder that Clan MacEanruig is a part of the history of Glencoe.



The group at the Queen's View — near Pitlochry.

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2001 Tour members gathered at the Henderson Stone. L-R. Jane Johnson, Dawn Bennett, Alexander Henderson, Barbara Henderson, Joel Travis; standing: Henry Davis, Thelma Davis, and Sarah Travis.



Glenfiddich Distillery is a favorite stop on any trip to Scotland.

Interested in touring Scotland in 2002? Hold the period 31 July to 18 August 2002 on your calendar! Linda Whitton will lead the tour again.

Details will be provided in the Spring issue of An Canach. Interested?

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Maclan's Gathering o' the Clan

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This quarter Maclan is in a bit of a quandry — seems there is nothing happening through the spring of the new year. We hope that means that the events in southern regions are so well planned that everyone will be present. A reminder to those cousins who gather the clan, you need to let folks know you will be there — deadline for this column is six months ahead of the gathering.

In the place of the usual listing of events, I'd like to share a wee bit of current events around the clan.

In 1 September 2001 issue of the Chronicle-Herald we have found that kinsman Al Peppard's son, **Jamie Peppard**, of Middleton, was recently crowned the strongest man in Canada. The photographs in the paper show him competing in the Jack Daniel's deadlift (six huge JD barrels on a sled) at the All Strength Challenge in Toronto — just one of six events in the competition. Another photograph shows him carrying farmer's weights. He has excelled in both Highland Games and strongman competitions.

Jamie is part owner of Fitness Experience, a gym in Middleton where, at 6'1", 280 pounds, and his current title, he probably draws customers when he works out.

Other events included an 18 ton tractor-trailer pull, the caber toss, the Hamish stone (throwing a 58 pound stone for distance. The JD lift weighed in at 643 pounds and repetitions were what counted. The next event was an over-the-head press. These events finally led to a timed medley in which three separate activities were done in order. First, the competitor carries a 440 pound pot 60 feet; then the farmers weights (250 pounds in each hand) are carried 120 feet, and finally a 367 pound is carried for 60 feet.

Our congratulations to Jamie, who won the competition over thirteen others of which only four completed the six events. Canadian chairman Cairns who sent in the article says that Jamie has competed for a decade in Henderson tartan.

Joan McWilliams Weiss, who regularly brings us information in her column, Music of the Gael, not only pulled off the Mòd this past September but also took *Mac-talla* and other representatives of *An Comunn Gaidhealach America* to Stornoway for the *Mòd nan Wilean Siar 2001* where they competed in the new waulking competition. Joan will tell us more on this event in her next column.

Clan Member and testicular cancer survivor **Dan L. Henderson** from Charlotte NC will return for the third year to Austin TX in April with three time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong and 6000 others to ride and raise funds for cancer research and survivorship.

An avid cyclist, Dan was diagnosed with the same type of testicular cancer as Lance Armstrong and was excited to learn of the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which raises awareness and funds for research and cancer survivorship.

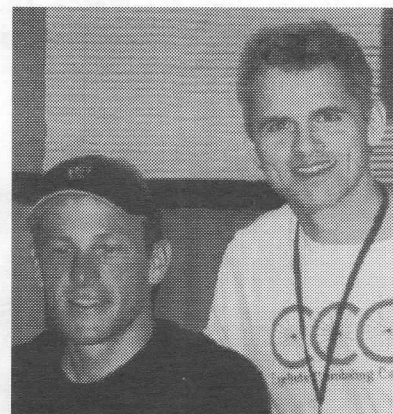
As you may know, at the age of 25, Lance Armstrong was one of the world's best cyclists. He was diagnosed with testicular cancer — the most common cancer in men aged 15-35.

Although he faced enormous odds and uncertainty about his future, Lance declared himself a cancer survivor, not a cancer victim. He underwent aggressive treatment and beat the disease.

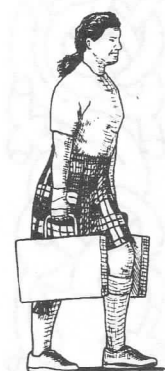
The goal of the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF), simply stated, is to change the world for the millions of people whose lives are impacted by cancer. The LAF wants to reduce the presence of cancer on this planet; continue to define, refine and improve cancer survivor services; and facilitate the delivery of those services — and a large dose of hope to the patients, their families, and other loved ones touched by the disease.

Dan will be riding with his internet-based support forum "Cyclists Combating Cancer" team which includes members from across the US, UK and Australia. "We are all cancer survivors from all walks of life who try and meet in Austin and share experiences about our continued challenges or life as cancer Survivors."

Dan has raised over \$20,000 the past two years for the LAF. To learn more about the LAF or to make a donation in Dan's name go online at www.LAF.org.



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Celebrating the New Year in Scotland

By Colin Chatfield

Hogmanay is celebrated on New Year's Eve, December 31st.

Everything closes on New Year's Eve, when families get together to welcome the new year. The whole family gathers at home. [The house has been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for Hogmanay.] They usually have a late supper (about 8 or 9 p.m.). They all sing the old Scottish songs, many I heard at the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk or at the ceilidh we attended that night. They will also tell stories when they are not singing, and make resolutions for the new year, like, "I'll keep my room picked up."

The church bells will ring at midnight, ringing in the New Year. They all wish each other a Happy New Year. Mummy brings out shortbread to eat and daddy pours lemonade for the kids. Then there is a knock at the outside door, and the first "first-footer" arrives.

He must have dark hair and black eyes and he carries a piece of coal. He does that to bring good luck [for the new year] to the house. He gets something to drink and shortbread to eat before he goes to the next house to first foot again, and he does this until the wee hours in the morning. Then he goes home and has a good breakfast.

The people have two or three days off at the beginning of the New Year.

I interviewed my oma, Miss Jessma for this 2d grade class project. She was born in Scotland. The food I took to my class was shortbread.



Colin (age 8), grandmother Judy, mom Janine, grandfather Russ, sister Susan behind the banner, and sister Tiffany in front.

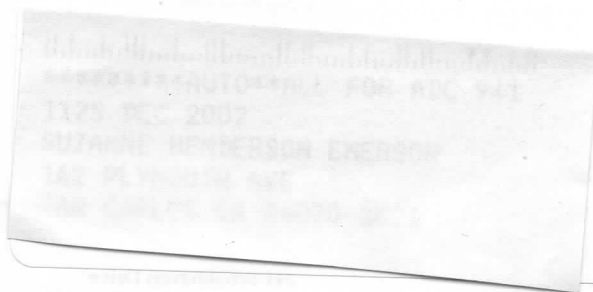


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